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RIVER FLEET'S PLAN LAGS;
VOLGA DAMS, OTHER STEPS TO IMPROVE NAVIGATION

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Shipbuilding enterprises of the small rivers completed the year plan for the construction of self-propelled and nonself-propelled ships ahead of schedule. In the Kashira Shipbuilding Plant of the Moscow Administration of Small Rivers the production of improved 60-ton metal-covered barges was begun during the second and third quarters. The plant has also designed and built self-propelled metal-covered barges with K-50 motors, and also a new type of towing cutter with a metal hull and a 50-horsepower oil-burning engine.

IMPROVE NAVIGATING CONDITIONS ON VOLGA -- Moscow, Rechnoy Transport, 12 Sep 50

After the construction of the Uglich and Shcherbakov dam projects navigating conditions will improve considerably not only on the Upper Volga, but also along the whole route to Astrakhan', since letting water out of the Rybinsk Reservoir will guarantee a minimum depth of 2.6 meters for through traffic from Shcherbakov to Astrakhan'.

As on the Rybinsk Reservoir, on the new Volga reservoirs, a special fleet equipped for navigation in heavy seas will be required; in a strong storm the height of the waves on the Kuybyshev and Stalingrad Reservoirs will reach dimensions approximating those of ocean waves.

On the reconstructed waterways there should be more improved route markings. At present, floating markings predominate on the Volga. The creation of the large reservoirs will require the widespread introduction of lights on shore operating on acetylene and electricity.

Some existing wharves and also plants and shops of the Ministry of River Fleet are located at present in the areas which will be flooded, so it will be necessary to move these enterprises to other points or to build new ones.

Vil'nyus, Sovetskaya Litva, 5 Sep 50

With the construction of the Stalingrad and Kuybyshev dams across the Volga, the low water level in the upper reaches of the Volga during the second half of the navigation season and the consequent expenditures for bottom-clearing operations will be eliminated to a considerable degree.

Kazan', which at present is 5 kilometers from the river, will become a large river port, as will Ul'yanovsk. The water will come right up to Kazan'. It will be necessary to build a series of ports into which river ships can run during storms on the new Kuybyshev sea.

MOSKVA RIVER CHANNEL IMPROVED -- Moskovskaya Pravda, 12 Sep 50

Channel-deepening operations have been completed on a 39-kilometer sector of the Moskva River within the limits of Moscow. Now ships with a carrying capacity of 3,000 tons can run from the Northern Port to the Southern Port.

On a 150-kilometer sector of the Moskva River in Moscow Oblast, from Pererva in Leninskiy Rayon to Shchurov in Kolomenskiy Rayon, bottom-deepening operations have been completed, making the river navigable for ships with a carrying capacity of more than 1,000 tons.

KARATAL RIVER MADE NAVIGABLE -- Moscow, Trud, 27 Sep 50

Recently the Karatal River was opened to navigation after its channel was cleaned.

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